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## Shouse Visits Meade

Hon. Jouett Shouse, Democratic Congressman from the Seventh District and candidate for re-election, delivered the most able address it has been the pleasure of our people to listen to since the opening of the present campaign, at the opera house last Thursday evening.

Mr. Shouse was considered one of the most active, influential men in Congress, and though a new man there, was appointed to a place on the Banking and Currency Committee, which is among the most important in Congress. As a member of the committee he helped frame and finally witnessed the President's signing, the Rural Credits Bill, of which he spoke at length. The low interest rate, long time loans, no commissions, amortization plan of payment, and co-operation among farmers; all features of the bill, he very carefully explained. It is a fact worthy of note, that the Rural Credits Bill is the first effective legislation in favor of the farmer, enabling him to borrow money at the lowest possible rate of interest, which will not exceed six percent, and for as long a time as he desires—and it took a Democratic President and a Democratic Congress to perfect such a law.

Following this he reviewed the accomplishments of the Democratic administration, and spoke in the highest of President Wilson's Foreign and Mexican policies, and assured his audience that so long as it is possible

## Notice

To the Voters of Meade Co.

Owing to certain conditions which have recently developed I feel it is advisable that I withdraw from the race for Representative.

Thanking all my friends for their efforts in my behalf, I beg to remain,

Yours sincerely,  
C. M. Gates.

E. W. Bocook and wife are here from Grant county.

that hand which has so wisely guided the destinies of this nation since March 4th, 1913, will preserve peace with honor.

Mr. Shouse is qualified and his work during his first term in Congress has proven that he is capable. Important legislation is still pending, and this being true, it seems that it would be folly to retire a man of Jouett Shouse's ability and send to Washington in his place a man who fights the air, talks, but says nothing.

A large audience greeted the speaker and throughout his two hours' talk breathless silence reigned. His address was well received and his record as a representative from the Seventh District will be rewarded by a nice vote from Meade county.

Mrs. Shouse accompanied the Congressman. A reception was given in her honor, by the Democratic ladies, from 7 to 8 p. m., at the R. A. Harper home.

Thursday morning Mr. and Mrs. Shouse spent in Plains and the afternoon in Fowler.

## OUR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

As the time for the bi-ennial election is approaching we wish to call your attention to the democratic candidates, and to solicit your support for them, if in your judgment, after a careful investigation of their several records, they are entitled to support. It is well known that however qualified and competent one may be generally speaking, there are many things to "get on to" for the proper management of a county office, and it is a lamentable fact that just about the time an officer becomes so familiar with his work that he can render the public the best service a great many people are prone to turn him out and install a "green hand" whom it will take a year or two to get on to his job, and the tax payers pay for his experience and education in the meantime, and it is often costly experience for the county.

The County Commissioners are, in many respects, the most important officers of the county, in that they are its business managers. For Commissioners of the 2nd District we are asking you to support John Cordes for a second term. Mr. Cordes came to Meade county in 1885, then a young man. He was married in Meade county and has reared a family here, all Meade county products. He has gone through all that the early settlers had to contend with, and has watched Meade county grow and prosper, and has been a very potent factor in the development of the county. During his more than thirty-one years residence here no man has ever so much as suspected the honesty and integrity of John Cordes, and more than that he is recognized as a man of extraordinary good judgment and keen discrimination. His record as County Commissioner has been one of progressive conservatism. Progressive in that he stands for all needed or desirable improvements, and conservative in that he carefully weighs every proposition and before consenting to an outlay of the people's money he must be shown that the public will receive one hundred cents benefit for every dollar expended. There is but one line of argument being urged against Mr. Cordes's re-election, and that is that he has permitted the other two Commissioners to grab all the funds expended by the county upon roads for their respective districts, and has not secured sufficient improvement at the county's expense for the roads of his own district. This talk, it was considered, would catch the popular ear, and cause the voters of the 2nd district to forsake Mr. Cordes for someone who might promise to do more for them. But this line of argument falls flat when considered in the light of the truth. The facts are, as shown by the records, that during Mr. Cordes's term of office, there have been designated as county roads in his district 22 miles, as against 30 miles in Mr. Roberts's district and 57 miles in Mr. Novinger's district. And during the same period of time there has been expended on bridges in Mr. Cordes's district the sum of nine thousand dollars as against six thousand in Mr. Roberts's district, and none in Mr. Novinger's district. And so while it is true that the 2nd district has fewer miles of county roads than either of the other districts, yet the amount of public money spent in this district for the improvements of highways is greater than in either of the other districts.

T. B. Novinger, our candidate for Commissioner from the 3rd district, is also an old timer, and is one of the most solid, level-headed men who ever served on the board. He has given his district no bridges because none has been needed, except possibly one across the Cimarron, but competent engineers employed by the board have advised that no permanent bridge can be built across this stream at a justifiable cost, and the rock ford across this river on the county road will serve the purpose of a bridge very nicely until the county is able to spend twenty or thirty thousand dollars for a bridge that will stand. Mr. Novinger has served his district and his county with wisdom and fidelity, and the fifty-seven miles of county roads in his district should satisfy his constituents that he is looking after their interest in particular as well as after the interest of the public in general.

Those opposing Mr. Novinger's re-election are using the same line of argument against him that is being used against Mr. Cordes, that he has let the other commissioners get all the "plums" for their district. The facts are that public improvements have been divided among the three districts as nearly even as practicable, and any talk to the contrary is cheap political buncombe.

The present Board of County Commissioners has spent much time and effort in studying the road proposition, have the work well lined up and organized, and it would be foolish to make a change in the Board at this time.

Next in importance to the office of Commissioner, and of more importance in many ways, is the office of County Attorney. Aside from the prosecution of criminal cases, and civil cases in which the county is a party, the County Attorney is the legal adviser of all other county officers in general, and of the Board of County Commissioners in particular, hence his position is one of grave responsibility, requiring not only a thorough knowledge of law, but sound judgment and discretion as well. This is an office that should not be entrusted to a novice, and one in which experience counts for more than in any other office. The present incumbent, Frank S. Sullivan, has made good in every sense of the word. During the past term he has prosecuted twenty-five criminal cases and secured convictions in twenty-three of them. Three or four other cases of trifling importance were compromised, the defendant paying the costs. Of the cases in which convictions and sentences were secured one was murder, two burglary, one forgery, one rape, seven were violations of the Prohibitory Liquor Law, and the others various misdemeanors.

Mr. Sullivan has the good sense to know when a case ought to be brought and when one should not be, and thereby has saved the county hundreds, perhaps thousands of dollars, by avoiding petty and useless litigation for which an inexperienced man would fall.

The County Attorney now has in charge one murder case, one under the "white slave" law and two for wife desertion, all important cases. These may or may not be tried in the term of court which convenes next week, one never can tell, as the law is very liberal in allowing continuances, but whether tried or not, they will no doubt be before the next County Attorney in some form, especially should they be appealed to the Supreme Court, which some are sure to be, and it would be the sheerest folly for the people to deprive themselves of the services of Mr. Sullivan whose record as County Attorney proves his ability, and whose experience is invaluable to his constituents.

No County Attorney in Kansas has a better record than Frank S. Sullivan, and if the voters of Meade county will gauge him by the record he has made, rather than by the unsupported statements of personal or political enemies, he will be re-elected by an unprecedented majority.

The County Treasurer is a very important officer, as he handles all the county's money. Not only should he be a man of unquestioned honesty and uprightness, but he should also be a man of ability, a good bookkeeper, and experienced in some line that would tend to fit him for this office. For this important office we ask your support for Preston L. Davis of Plains. Mr. Davis came to Meade county something more than fifteen years ago and settled upon a homestead in West Plains township. Since coming to this county he has farmed, taught school, was postmaster at Plains, and for the last five or six years has been engaged in the mercantile business. He is an excellent penman, an excellent bookkeeper, a thorough business man, a quiet, unassuming, likable gentleman, and he will make a County Treasurer of whom you will have reason to feel proud. Vote for him.

## Representative

I take pleasure in announcing to the citizens of Meade county that I am the Republican nominee for Representative of the 122nd district, and inasmuch as I expect to represent the interests of all the people, I respectfully submit my candidacy for the consideration of all the people and sincerely request that the women voters make an extra effort to cast a vote on November 7th, 1916.

GEO. W. DAY.

The regular teacher's examination will be held at the County Superintendent's Office Friday and Saturday October 27 and 28

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Very close to the heart of all Kansans is our educational system, and we are all interested in whom we are going to have for County Superintendent. Miss Kate Martin is the democratic nominee, and she is so well known that comment seems almost useless. The Martins are among the oldest settlers of Meade county, and Kate is a self-made girl, and a deserving one. As a teacher she ranks among the highest, having had several years experience in Kansas and other states, and the certificate she carries is one of the best. Added to her educational qualifications and experience in teaching, she is a woman of rare judgment and executive ability, and she will handle the many perplexing problems that confront every County Superintendent with honor to herself and credit to the public schools. You will make no mistake in casting your vote for Kate Martin.

Our other candidates, John Elliott, Lem Kiele, Dr. Fee, the fact that the opposition have brought out no one against either of them is proof of the degree of satisfaction with which they have discharged their official duties.

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## Baptist Church Dedication

Next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the new Baptist church will be dedicated. Rev. J. M. Robinson, who organized the congregation, and who was pastor for a number of years, will deliver the address.

A series of revival meetings, conducted by Evangelist Fred Berry will follow. The program for the week is given in full in the Baptist church notes.

Sunday night the weather changed from the summer variety to the winter in a hurry. A light snow covered the ground Monday morning.

Dodge City, Kan., Oct. 16.—Attorney Donald Muir was in Dodge City today on his way to New Ulysses, Grant county, to serve notice on County Attorney Stubbs that the defense will appeal the case of Archie Sweet to the state supreme court.

Sweet was convicted last spring of the murder of Nellie Byers, a Grant county school teacher, and is now serving a life sentence for the crime. Muir was one of the lawyers who defended him.

## Preliminary Not Regular?

Two of the principal points on which the defense will make its plea for a new trial will be that the evidence was insufficient to warrant a verdict of guilty, which the jury brought in after deliberation of two hours, and that Judge Downer erred in not allowing Sweet a preliminary hearing. Sweet's preliminary hearing was held on the prairie in Grant county at midnight, the prisoner being taken to the hearing in an auto from Dodge City, where he was confined for fear of mob violence in Grant county.

At the district court trial Sweet claimed he waived his preliminary hearing because the officers told him auto loads of Grant county men were out searching for the place of holding the preliminary, and he feared he would be lynched. The attorneys wanted another preliminary hearing for their client, but Judge Downer refused to grant it.

## Evidence Circumstantial

The evidence against Sweet was circumstantial, but strong. Sweet took the stand in his own defense, but his admissions were a potent factor in his conviction. The crime was one of the most atrocious ever committed in western Kansas and the case aroused widespread interest.

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## A Short Talk About Some Things of Interest to You and Your Neighbors

### That Word Loyalty

Let us consider that word loyalty—loyalty to the old home town. To be loyal is to be faithful to a friend, a cause or a principle. To be loyal is to be true. But, in business—in spending money—loyalty does not mean that you should buy something you do not want, or something you do not need. It does not mean that you should accept an article of inferior quality, or that you should pay two prices. It does not mean that you should trade with a merchant simply because he happens to be in business in your town. It does not mean that you should sell your labor or that which you produce for less than the market price. Loyalty means the golden rule—to do unto others as you would have others to do unto you. It means to give your home merchant the first chance at your business—to give him a chance to fill your orders on the same

terms the city concern offers. It means going to your neighbor and saying, "Mr. Merchant, I am a resident of this community. I want to do all I can to help my town, and if you can do as well by me as the city concern, quality and price considered, I am going to give you my patronage." When you have done this, you have done your part. That's business loyalty—loyalty in the strict meaning of the word. But—usually—the loyal citizen does not stop merely at giving the home merchant a chance at his business. He gives the word loyalty a broader meaning. He takes a general interest in his neighbors—in their social life. He belongs to a lodge or two—he is in the church, perhaps—and he has a finger in every good thing that is proposed to make his home town a better town. He is broad, generous, open-hearted. And, he possesses these splendid qualities because he is loyal.